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**FORMER CITY OFFICIAL AND POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED FOR
BRIBERY SCHEME RELATED TO SALES OF CAMP BRIGHTON AND 8TH
PRECINCT**

DeDan C. Milton, 37, of Detroit, former Executive Assistant to the Mayor of Detroit, and Jerry M. Rivers, 39, of Taylor, a former officer in the Detroit Police Department, were both sentenced today by United States District Judge Gerald Rosen to terms of prison of 42 months and 12 months plus a day, respectively for participating in a bribery scheme, United States Attorney Barbara McQuade announced today. McQuade was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent In Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to court records, in 2005 and 2006, DeDan Milton helped Rivers facilitate the sale of the City of Detroit's 8th Precinct police station to a developer for \$344,000, encouraging city officials to move forward with the sale of the property. Following the sale, Rivers gave Milton and his brother, Kandia Milton, the Mayor's Liaison to City Council, each \$6,250 in cash for their help. In 2006 and 2007, the Miltons helped Rivers with the sale of the city-owned Camp Brighton/Detroit Recreation Camp to a non-profit entity for \$3.5 million, arranging for meetings with city department

directors and encouraging the city administration and city council to approve the sale. After the sale closed, Rivers recruited a middleman to accept \$50,000 he received from the non-profit entity. Rivers gave Dedan Milton \$10,000 and Kandia Milton \$19,000 for their help, drawn from the bank account of the middleman's business, and broken into amounts under the \$10,000 currency reporting requirement. These steps were taken to conceal receipt of the funds because it was unlawful for the Miltons to accept money in return for their roles in the sale.

United States Attorney McQuade said: "These sentences show that abuses of the public trust will be punished. The large difference in the sentence of DeDan Milton, who did not provide substantial assistance to the government's investigation, and Jerry Rivers, who did, shows the value to defendants in cooperating with the government in bringing others to justice in corruption cases."

Special Agent In Charge Arena said, "These sentences are part of the ongoing corruption investigation in the City of Detroit. The FBI is committed to investigating public corruption on every level."

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark Chutkow and R. Michael Bullotta.